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1. Attached is a report of traffic on the Trans-Caspian Railroad through Dushak, Turkmen SSR, and of road traffic to and from Dushak for the period 4 through 18 May 1953.
 2. Source states the days on which he was not able to observe traffic because of inclement weather, thereby indicating the number of days of poor visibility in the area. At present source is unable to obtain data on the contents of the trains or vehicles, or to observe night traffic.

Enclosure: Photostat of report on rail and road traffic through Dushak
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| <u>DATE</u> | <u>TRAFFIC</u> | <u>DIRECTION</u> | <u>TIME</u> | Rail: <u>No. of Cars</u> Road: <u>Type Vehicle</u> |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|---|
| 5/5/53 | Rail | eastbound | 1400 | 1 train, 2 locomotives, 18 boxcars 4 axle, 8 flat cars 2 axle, and 11 boxcars 2 axle, all red. |
| | | westbound | 1440 | 1 green locomotive. |
| | | eastbound | 1700 | 1 train, 13 boxcars 4 axle, 15 boxcars 2 axle, all red, and 2 extra-large, white boxcars*. |
| | Road | Dushak to Serakhs | 1315 | 1 truck loaded, uncovered. |
| | | Dushak to Tedzhend | 1500 | 1 jeep. |
| | | Dushak to Tedzhend | 1520 | 1 truck loaded. |
| | | Bulan to Dushak | 1630 | 1 army truck carrying 6 soldiers. |
| | | Serakhs to Dushak | 1700 | 1 red jeep. |
| | | Dushak to Kaakha | 1745 | 1 truck. |
| | 6/5/53 | Rail | westbound | 0600 |
| westbound | | | 0705 | 1 train, 8 gondola cars 4 axle, 5 gondola cars 2 axle, 5 tank cars 2 axle, 3 boxcars 4 axle, and 6 flat cars 2 axle, all red. |
| | | eastbound | 0815 | 1 train, 2 locomotives, 40 tank cars 4 axle and 20 tank cars 2 axle, all red. |
| | | eastbound | 0900 | 1 train, 30 boxcars 4 axle and 6 boxcars 2 axle, all red. |
| | | westbound | 1030 | 1 train, green locomotive and 11 white passenger cars. |
| | | eastbound | 1030 | 1 train, green locomotive, 3 boxcars 4 axle, 46 flat cars 2 axle, and 1 boxcar 2 axle, all red. |
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|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| 6/5/53 (cont'd) | Rail | eastbound | 1300 | 1 train, 2 locomotives, 35 tank cars 4 axle and 13 tank cars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | westbound | 1400 | 2 green locomotives. | |
| | | eastbound | 1610 | 1 train, 21 red hopper cars 4 axle. | |
| | | westbound | 1700 | 1 train, 16 tank cars 4 axle and 20 tank cars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | Road | Dushak to Serakhs | 0710 | 1 truck, uncovered. |
| | Dushak to Kaakha | 0815 | 1 jeep. | | |
| | Dushak to Post-i-Shurjeh | 0820 | 1 truck loaded with planking. | | |
| | Dushak to Kaakha | 1000 | 1 truck, uncovered. | | |
| | Dushak to north | 1300 | 1 truck. | | |
| | Serakhs to Dushak | 1420 | 1 truck, uncovered. | | |
| Dushak to Kaakha | 1620 | 1 truck, uncovered. | | | |
| Dushak to Aqcheh Qaleh | 1710 | 1 jeep. | | | |
| 7/5/53 | Rail | westbound | 0530 | 1 train, green locomotive, 9 gondola cars 4 axle, 11 flat cars 2 axle, and 6 boxcars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | westbound | 0630 | 2 green locomotives. | |
| | | eastbound | 0830 | 1 train, green locomotive, 12 boxcars 4 axle and 15 boxcars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | eastbound | 0900 | 1 train, 2 green locomotives, 24 tank cars 4 axle and 30 tank cars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | westbound | 1130 | 1 train, green locomotive, 14 green passenger cars 4 axle and 1 white passenger car 2 axle. | |
| | | eastbound | 1140 | 1 train, green locomotive, 12 gondola cars 4 axle, 5 flat cars 4 axle, 2 boxcars 4 axle, and 11 boxcars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | westbound | 1230 | 1 green locomotive. | |
| | | eastbound | 1320 | 1 train, 2 locomotives, 13 boxcars 4 axle, 22 boxcars 2 axle, 6 flat cars 2 axle, all red, and 1 white boxcar 4 axle. | |
| | | westbound | 1500 | 1 train, 25 tank cars 4 axle and 20 tank cars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | eastbound | 1530 | 1 train, 2 locomotives, 24 boxcars 4 axle and 40 boxcars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | eastbound | 1700 | 1 train, steam locomotive, 14 hopper cars 4 axle and 1 hopper car 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | Road | Dushak to Serakhs | 0740 | 1 large, green truck, empty. |
| | | Dushak to Tedzhend | 0800 | 1 truck. | |

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|--------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|---|------------------------|
| 7/5/53 (cont'd) | Road | Dushak to Tedzhend | 0900 | 1 | army truck, covered. | |
| | | Dushak to Bulan | 0920 | 1 | truck. | |
| | | Dushak to Post-i-Shurjeh | 1400 | 1 | army jeep. | |
| | | Dushak to flour mill | 1610 | 1 | truck. | |
| | | Dushak to Kaakha | 1730 | 1 | truck. | |
| | | Bulan to Dushak | 1740 | 1 | truck, covered. | |
| 10/5/53 | Rail | eastbound | 0700 | 1 | train, 8 flat cars 2 axle, 17 boxcars 4 axle, and 15 boxcars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | westbound | 0730 | 2 | green locomotives. | |
| | | westbound | 0830 | 1 | train, green locomotive, 25 boxcars 4 axle, all red. | |
| | | westbound | 0945 | 1 | train, 1 passenger car 4 axle, green. | |
| | | eastbound | 1100 | 1 | train, 7 gondola cars 4 axle, 6 gondola cars 2 axle, 15 boxcars 4 axle 8 boxcars 2 axle, and 6 tank cars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | eastbound | 1200 | 1 | train, 8 flat cars 4 axle, 10 boxcars 4 axle, and 15 boxcars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | westbound | 1330 | 1 | train, 42 tank cars 4 axle and 26 tank cars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | eastbound | 1415 | 2 | green locomotives. | |
| | | westbound | 1600 | 1 | train, 30 red boxcars 4 axle and 1 extra-large, white boxcar*. | |
| | | eastbound | 1620 | 1 | train, 14 tank cars 4 axle and 30 tank cars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | westbound | 1810 | 1 | train, 10 gondola cars 4 axle, 7 hopper cars 2 axle, 8 flat cars 2 axle, 4 flat cars 4 axle, and 2 boxcars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | Road | Post-i-Khojeh to Dushak | 0615 | 1 | green army jeep. |
| | | | Dushak to Kaakha | 0725 | 1 | truck. |
| | | | Dushak to Kaakha | 0930 | 1 | truck. |
| | | | Dushak to Serakhs | 1000 | 2 | trucks. |
| | | | Dushak to Bulan | 1210 | 1 | truck, uncovered. |
| | | | Dushak to Tedzhend | 1540 | 1 | truck. |
| | | | Serakhs to Dushak | 1545 | 1 | army truck, uncovered. |
| North to Dushak | 1720 | | 1 | truck. | | |
| 11/5/53 | Rail | eastbound | 0600 | 1 | train, green locomotive, 23 tank cars 4 axle, 13 tank cars 2 axle, all red, and 1 white tank car 4 axle. | |
| | | westbound | 0614 | 1 | green locomotive. | |
| | | westbound | 0845 | 1 | train, 13 passenger cars 4 axle and 1 passenger car 2 axle, all green. | |

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|------------------------|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| 11/5/53 (cont'd) | Rail | westbound | 1015 | 1 train, green locomotive, 10 boxcars 4 axle, 1 tank car 2 axle, 6 boxcars 2 axle, 4 gondola cars 4 axle, 9 flat cars 2 axle, and 1 boxcar 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | eastbound | 1030 | 1 train, 18 boxcars 4 axle and 1 tank car, all red. | |
| | | westbound | 1030 | 1 train, 51 tank cars 4 axle and 5 tank cars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | westbound | 1300 | 1 train, 14 boxcars 4 axle, 1 flat car 2 axle, and 2 boxcars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | eastbound | 1345 | 1 train, 18 red boxcars 4 axle. | |
| | | eastbound | 1500 | 1 train, 2 locomotives, 30 tank cars 4 axle and 26 tank cars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | westbound | 1600 | 1 green locomotive. | |
| | | eastbound | 1645 | 1 train, 12 red hopper cars 4 axle. | |
| | | Road | Serakhs to Dushak | 0500 | 1 truck. |
| | | | Dushak to Tedzhend | 0615 | 1 truck. |
| | | | Dushak to Post-i-Khojeh | 0700 | 1 army jeep. |
| | | | Dushak to Post-i-Shurjeh | 0810 | 1 green truck, uncovered. |
| | | | Dushak to Tedzhend | 0950 | 1 truck. |
| | | | Post-i-Shurjeh to Dushak | 1230 | 1 green truck, uncovered. |
| Dushak to Malek Azhdar | 1315 | | 1 truck. | | |
| Dushak to Kaakha | 1430 | 1 black truck. | | | |
| Dushak to Serakhs | 1520 | 1 truck, covered. | | | |
| 12/5/53 | Rail | eastbound | 0640 | 1 train, 2 locomotives, 30 tank cars 4 axle and 30 tank cars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | westbound | 0800 | 1 train, 10 flat cars 2 axle, 15 boxcars 2 axle, and 3 boxcars 4 axle, all red. | |
| | | eastbound | 0835 | 1 train, 9 boxcars 4 axle, 16 flat cars 2 axle, 6 hopper cars 2 axle, and 13 boxcars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | westbound | 1000 | 1 train, 15 green passenger cars 4 axle. | |
| | | eastbound | 1045 | 1 train, 2 locomotives, 25 boxcars 4 axle and 2 flat cars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | eastbound | 1215 | 1 train, 17 red hopper cars, 4 axle. | |
| | | westbound | 1300 | 1 train, 8 gondola cars 4 axle, 5 gondola cars 2 axle, 2 tank cars 2 axle, 6 flat cars 2 axle, and 12 boxcars 2 axle, all red. | |

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|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|---|--|
| 12/5/53 (cont'd) | Rail | eastbound | 1520 | 1 train, 14 boxcars 4 axle, 3 flat cars 2 axle, and 4 boxcars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | westbound | 1525 | 1 train, 6 boxcars 4 axle and 8 boxcars 2 axle, all red. | |
| | | eastbound | 1710 | 2 green locomotives. | |
| | Road | Serakhs to Dushak | 0810 | 1 truck, uncovered. | |
| | | Dushak to Kaakha | 0830 | 1 truck. | |
| | | North to Dushak | 0940 | 1 truck. | |
| | | Dushak to Post-i-Khojeh | 1015 | 1 army truck, covered. | |
| | | Dushak to Kaakha | 1200 | 1 jeep. | |
| | | Dushak to Serakhs | 1220 | 1 jeep. | |
| | | Dushak to Tedzhend | 1500 | 1 truck. | |
| | | Post-i-Khojeh to Dushak | 1510 | 1 army truck. | |
| | Dushak to Kaakha | 1530 | 1 truck. | | |
| | 13/5/53 | Rail | eastbound | 0715 | 1 train, 20 boxcars 4 axle and 13 boxcars 2 axle, all red. |
| | | | westbound | 0730 | 1 train, 65 red tank cars 2 axle. |
| eastbound | | | 0930 | 1 train, 2 locomotives, 18 gondola cars 4 axle, 5 gondola cars 2 axle, 3 flat cars 2 axle, and 3 boxcars 2 axle, all red. | |
| westbound | | | 1000 | 1 train, 15 passenger cars 4 axle and 1 passenger car 2 axle, all green. | |
| westbound | | | 1130 | 2 green locomotives. | |
| eastbound | | | 1300 | 1 train, 2 locomotives, 44 boxcars 2 axle and 6 boxcars 4 axle, all red. | |
| westbound | | | 1320 | 1 train, 21 tank cars 2 axle and 11 tank cars 4 axle, all red. | |
| eastbound | | | 1555 | 1 train, 2 locomotives, 18 boxcars 2 axle, 16 boxcars 4 axle, 8 flat cars 2 axle, all red, and 2 extra-large, white boxcars*. | |
| westbound | | | 1610 | 1 train, 7 flat cars 4 axle, 6 flat cars 2 axle, 5 hopper cars 2 axle, and 12 boxcars 2 axle, all red. | |
| Road | | | Bulan to Dushak | 0740 | 1 green truck, uncovered. |
| | | Serakhs to Dushak | 0815 | 1 green truck, uncovered. | |
| | | Dushak to Kaakha | 1000 | 1 truck. | |
| | | Dushak to Post-i-Shurjeh | 1130 | 1 truck carrying 10 unarmed soldiers. | |
| | | Dushak to Tedzhend | 1410 | 1 jeep. | |
| | Dushak to Aqcheh Qaleh | 1430 | 1 truck. | | |
| | Post-i-Shurjeh to Dushak | 1620 | 1 truck carrying 5 armed soldiers. | | |

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COMMENT: The extra-large, white boxcars reported during this period are about twice the size of the regular 4-axle boxcar.

2. The following is a tabulation for the period of time covered by this report, and includes daily averages of the preceding months.

| | <u>RAILROAD</u> | | <u>VEHICULAR</u> | | | | | |
|--------|-----------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| | <u>East</u> | | <u>West</u> | | <u>East</u> | <u>West</u> | <u>North</u> | <u>South</u> |
| | <u>Trains</u> | <u>Cars</u> | <u>Trains</u> | <u>Cars</u> | | | | |
| 5 May | 2 | 67 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| | | | 1 locomotive | | | | | |
| 6 May | 5 | 215 | 4 | 106 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 3 |
| | | | 2 locomotives | | | | | |
| 7 May | 6 | 232 | 3 | 86 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| | | | 3 locomotives | | | | | |
| 10 May | 4 | 159 | 5 | 156 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| | 2 locomotives | | 2 locomotives | | | | | |
| 11 May | 5 | 142 | 4 | 118 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| | | | 2 locomotives | | | | | |
| 12 May | 5 | 163 | 4 | 90 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 |
| | 2 locomotives | | | | | | | |
| 13 May | 4 | 156 | 4 | 143 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| | | | 2 locomotives | | | | | |

NOTE: Rain prevented observations on 4 May, the morning of 5 May, 8-9 May, and 14-15 May. Observations were prevented on 16, 17, & 18 May by the return of shepherds from the border area.

(Daily avge.)

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------|---|-----|---|-----|---|---|---|---|
| May | 4 | 165 | 3 | 96 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| April | 3 | 124 | 4 | 128 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| March | 3 | 113 | 5 | 147 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 1 |
| Feb. | 3 | 140 | 4 | 134 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Jan. | 3 | 141 | 3 | 117 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 |
| Dec. | 4 | 144 | 4 | 111 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 |

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